

City Council Meeting October 2, 2024

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on October 2, 2024, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM. Present were Council persons Sue Sapp, Curt Oblinger, and Neil Van Boening. City Attorney Andy Carothers was also in attendance. Council person Max Allen was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in three places: Wymore Post Office, Arbor State Pharmacy, and the City Office. It was also posted in the Fairbury Journal News. Notice was given to the Mayor and Council and their acknowledgement of receipt is attached. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Motion by Curt, seconded by Neil to approve the Minutes from the September 18th Council meeting. Motion carried 3-0

Motion by Neil, seconded by Curt to approve the minutes from the September 18th Budget Hearing. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue to approve claims a payroll except checks # 28904, 28909 and 28913. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve check # 28904. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve check # 28909. Motion carried 3-0 with Neil abstaining and Mayor Collin Meints voting in Max's absence.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Neil to approve check # 28913. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining and Mayor Collin Meints voting in Max's absence.

Dilapidated Buildings: City Attorney Andy Carothers reported that Utility Superintendent Tim Sedlacek was able to get an updated quote from Tiemann that was well within the proposed budget for demolition of the building at 207 S 7th St. Andy is working on an updated contract. Andy is also working on a contract with Fossler on the demolition of the house at 518 N 11th. The owner will pay the cost of demolition. Tim asked Janet Riensche, city clerk to check to see if the owner had paid the mowing bill.

Public Comment: Mark Meints (Fire Chief) stated that the new firetruck is in Wymore, but not yet in service. He stated it needs to be equipped first. Mark also stated the fire department was awarded a grant for a State Wide Radio System. Neil expressed condolences from the council to Michele Warford for her brother's passing.

Approve Departmental Transfers: Motion by Sue, seconded by Neil to transfer the difference between revenue and expenses for fiscal year 2024 (40223.59) from the EMS General Fund to the EMS Special Money Market Account. Motion carried 3-0. Janet stated with the changes in accounting software and personnel the office is still trying to figure out the amount to be transferred from the Fire Department General Budget to their money market account. This will be put on the next agenda.

Police Chief Recruitment: Bryan Davidson (Chair of the Police Department Advisory Committee) was in attendance to suggest changing the compensation package for the Police Chief to include the transfer of vacation and sick leave from their old position. Also suggested was including utilities for a certain amount time, if they live inside the city limits. Bryan stated we are not the only city in this position. He stated he has had two inquiries on the position and neither one has filled out an application to get the process going. He has spoken to a few officers about the compensation package and they thought the pay was good, but they would not want to give up the vacation and sick time they have accumulated and start over. After much

discussion it was decided to table this to the next agenda for further research and including all city positions.

EMS Officer Changes: Shawna Schwartz (EMS Chief) sent an email explaining the changes to the EMS Officers. Clark McMurray resigned as Safety Training Officer due to time constraints. Anthony Troxel has agreed to take over as Safety Training Officer. Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue to accept the resignation of Clark McMurray as Safety Training Officer for the EMS department, with appreciation and gratitude to Clark for staying on the department. Motion carried 3-0. Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue to accept the nomination of Anthony Troxel as Safety Training Officer for the Wymore EMS department. motion carried 3-0.

Vehicle & Transportation: Tim Sedlacek has been using his personal vehicle for work, but it has become problematic with high fuel costs and lack of recognition when out on city business. City Attorney Andy Carothers stated we need to make sure we cover Tim's vehicle on insurance until we can find a City Vehicle for him. Motion by Sue, seconded by Neil to reimburse Tim at the IRS mileage rate until we get a vehicle for him. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Sue to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk